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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE



Learning and Gathering Opportunities for This Week

Re-Opening of Churches – Conversation Continues for all Church Leaders

Monday, July 27 at 7:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Central

As situations regarding COVID-19 keep changing, moderators and church leaders are invited to join in the continued conversation about when and how church buildings re-open and in-person worship resumes. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Join us on Zoom. [Register online here.](#)

Energizing Democracy

Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Central

by Michael Malcom

In a recent sermon, Rev Jennifer Sanders of Beloved UCC preached about things rising from the ashes. Although these are tense and uncertain times, many of us are either raising or finding our voice for justice. Some of us have even seen justice ministry emerge from the ashes. We are taking stances against "othering" and stating emphatically that black lives matter.

I commend those who have seen placing your bodies on the line as a sacred rite. I'd like to invite you all to view injustice through an environmental justice lens. Join us on July 28 at 7 pm Eastern/6 pm Central as we discuss

environmental racism and its effect on the church. [Register today for Energizing Democracy](#)

For All Clergy

An Hour of Conversations and Prayer

Tuesday, July 28 - 11:00 a.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m. Central)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/479440102>

Especially for Specialized Ministers

Tuesday, July 28: 9:30 a.m. Eastern (8:30 a.m. Central)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/354744689>

Live Harp Meditations for Ministers

Thursday, July 30: 1:00 p.m. Eastern (12:00 Central)

20 minutes of meditation with Celtic harp. Silent prayer and reflection following if desired, facilitated by Rev. Jean Norton. (For questions or to sign up for individual Therapeutic Harp Sessions, contact Jean at

HeartSongJean@gmail.com.) Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96976838422>

From the Wider UCC Church

July 28, 2020 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm EST

Tuesdays for Nurture: No Justice No Peace Rally

The United Church of Christ actively believes that youth and young adults are vital to the church and society and to that end, we are dedicated to creating leadership development opportunities, resources, events and programs for those from ranging from sixth grade through their mid-30s. Youth and young adults within the United Church of Christ will be gathering virtually with special guests to host a 75-minute rally around the topic of Race Relations & Justice as a starting place for future engagement and leadership development opportunities.

We have been hearing from our young people who have said this is a priority.

They are interested in dialogue with each other across racial barriers and leaders about their experience(s), steps to create a just world for all and addressing the unrest we see around racism, the abuse of power by some uniformed officers and the helplessness many are feeling regardless of age, race or gender. This rally will be geared to hearing from people of color to but it is important that our white allies of all ages be present to hear as well. Members of the Faith INFO team will be planning a second webinar that will feature white youth and young adults on July 30th.

For more information please reach out to Rev. Trayce Potter, Minister for Youth & Young Adult Engagement at pottert@ucc.org. Closed Captioning will be provided. [REGISTER](#)

July 30, 2020 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm EST

Thursdays for the Soul: Youth & Young Adult Racial Justice Rally: White Silence is Violence

This rally will be geared to hearing and equipping white allies to engage in the racial justice efforts in America but it is important that people of color of all ages be present to hear as well. This rally, in conjunction with part one to be held on July 28th, will provide immediate actions as well as the development of a long-term strategy to engage dismantling racism. [REGISTER](#)

Looking Ahead

Saturday, August 4 at 6:00 pm Eastern / 5:00 pm Central

Ecclesiastical Council of Rev. Richard Barham

The Southeast Conference's Commission on Ministry invites you to the Ecclesiastical Council of Rev. Richard Barham, Senior Pastor of Spirit of the Cross UCC in Huntsville, AL. Ecclesiastical Councils (ECs) are the last step in the process for both Members in Discernment and for Ministers transferring their credentials to the United Church of Christ from another denomination called the



Privilege of Call. As part of the EC, Southeast Conference members will have the opportunity to hear about Rev. Barham's ministry and call to the United Church of Christ.

As part of the EC, you, members of the Southeast Conference, will have the opportunity to listen to the work of the Spirit, and vote to welcome Rev. Barham into the UCC as a fully authorized ordained minister. Rev. Barham currently serves as Senior Pastor of Spirit of the Cross UCC in Huntsville, AL, a congregation that affiliated with the UCC in October 2018. This EC will be online and you can [register here](#).

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